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THE ILFORD MURDER.

STORY OF THE CRIME.

[BY H. C. BAILEY IN THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."]

A little after midnight a woman was going home through the streets of Ilford. There were not many people about in those suburban solidities. She had come to a dark part of her journey when another woman ran towards her, crying, "My God, my God, will you help me! My husband is ill and bleeding, will you fetch a doctor?" She walked on and found a man lying on the pavement. She asked, "what had happened." "I don't know," she wife said, "someone flew past, and as I turned to speak to him blood was pouring out of his mouth." It occurred to the questioner that this answer was inadequate. She thought the wife agitated.

She fetched a doctor. Medical examination by the light of a match showed that the husband had then been dead some minutes. "Why didn't you come sooner and save him?" said the wife. The doctor sent for the police. To the constable, who saw her home, the wife remarked: "They will blame me for this." When her husband's body was examined it was found to bear a number of wounds. There were four cuts upon the body, one on the jaw, one on the right arm. The back of the neck had been stabbed twice and deeply, the injury which caused death was a stab on the right side of the throat. The divisional surgeon formed the opinion that the man who inflicted these wounds must have been in front at first and afterwards delivered the blows from the back. Red tracks in the street showed that his victim had gone on some little way after the first wounds were inflicted. A pool of blood beyond marked the place where the fatal blow was struck, but the wounded man still struggled on. He died, as the surgeon computed, some two minutes after the artery in his neck was pierced.

Such were the facts which the police had to investigate. It was easy to discover who the murdered man was and all about him. The murder was committed in the early morning of October 4th. Before noon on that day the wife had twice declared to police officers that she could not account for her husband's wounds. She heard him say "Oh!" she told the divisional detective inspector, and he fell against her and blood came out of his mouth. Till that happened, she had not been aware of anything unusual. They were walking peacefully home, they were quite happy together. She had not seen anyone about.

THE ARRESTS.

With whatever emotional agitation such statements were made they could not convince. The police must have been satisfied within a very few hours of the murder that, whatever might be the truth about it, the widow was not telling the truth. They knew that she was a Mrs. Thompson, with a home at Ilford, and that her family also, the Graydons, were Ilford people. At her father's house on the evening of October 4th—and for that matter on several evenings before—was a young man called Bywaters, a friend of Mrs. Thompson and the Graydons of some years' standing. About seven o'clock on this evening after the murder Bywaters brought a paper into their house, and asked if Mr. Graydon had seen it. "This is a terrible thing," he said, "if it is true." A little later the police came and arrested him.

On the next morning, when Mrs. Thompson, it is to be assumed, knew of this arrest, the detective-inspector asked her if she could give any information of her husband's assailant. She repeated in substantially the same terms the extraordinary account of the death which she had given before, and then added, "I cannot remember whether there was anyone there or not. I know there was no one there when he fell against me." She acknowledged, of course, that she knew Bywaters. She admitted that in a quarrel between her and her husband Bywaters had "interfered on her behalf." She had written to him and gone out with him without her husband's knowledge. She had destroyed his letters to her.

The inspector took her to the police-station. There she saw Bywaters detained. She exclaimed, "Oh, God! Oh, God! What can I do? Why did he do it? I did not want him to do it." And almost immediately afterwards she said that she must tell the truth. She was, the inspector reports, hysterical. But after the usual caution about giving evidence against herself, she made another statement which, though it confessed she had been previously lying, seemed to show signs of consideration. A man rushed out, she said, knocked her and pushed her away from her husband. She was dazed. When she recovered she saw her husband struggling with a man. Then she recognised Bywaters running away. She did not see his face, but recognised his clothes. It seems a fair interpretation of this to consider it as meant to convey that the presence of Bywaters in that lonely, dark street was wholly unexpected by Mrs. Thompson, and that her husband was killed in a fight. The statement, in fact, hysterical or not, takes the only ground upon which any defence could be made for the woman or the man.

When Bywaters was told that Mrs. Thompson and he would be charged together with murder his first concern was to exculpate her. She was not aware, he insisted, of his plans or his movements. When husband and wife came to where he was waiting for them, he pushed her aside, and saw no more of her. There was a fight, in which the dead man got the worst of it, and "Mrs. Thompson must have been spellbound" for after the meeting Bywaters saw no more of her.

THE THOMPSON MENAGE.

Upon the facts of the man's death and the statements of Mrs. Thompson, and Bywaters there was thus a prima facie case against them. But it is no less obvious that this case offers certain problems. "Why did he do it?" The woman's cry, sincere or insincere, states one of them. What premeditation was there? Which of the two who stood charged together was the directing will? It is not to be expected that in every crime motives can be discovered which seem to the normal mind sufficient to account for the deed. If we were all normal in our emotions, our feelings, our desires, even if we were all rational in conduct, the labours of the criminal courts would be sensibly lightened. An examination of the evidence given at the trial will suggest what manner of people were these two who were found guilty of the murder of Percy Thompson. But we must not, as the judge was careful to remind the jury, begin with the assumption that a crime of passion is in itself entitled to leniency. Murder is none the less murder because it is proceeded and prompted by adultery. Since David and Uriah in the forefront of the battle there have been many such cases. "A vulgar and common crime" is a better guide than those who have sought to confuse the issue by sentimental rhetoric.

Consider the characters as they emerge from the records of the trial. In January, 1915, Percy Thompson married Edith Jessie Graydon. He was then 25, and she was 21. He was a clerk in a shipping office, earning enough to keep up a small suburban home. No children were born. Mrs. Thompson also went into a City office, and became a bookkeeper and manageress. We have, therefore, no question of a wife dependent on her husband. At the time of the murder his salary and hers were of about the same amount, some £8 a week each. She would have been able to support herself if she had separated from him. Nothing is known of any quarrel between them for some years after marriage. Mrs. Thompson said, under cross-examination, that she thought she took an aversion to her husband in 1918. In June, 1921, Frederick Bywaters, a lad who was then 19, who had known Mrs. Thompson's brothers at school, and had remained intimate with the Graydon family, went for a short holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and her sister. On their return he stayed with the Thompsons on, as he says, the husband's invitation. Then "there was a quarrel between Mr. Thompson and his wife over a very trivial matter. Mr. Thompson started to knock his wife about. He threw her across the room, and she overturned a chair." Such is Bywaters's story. He interfered, and "at Thompson's request his own inclination" he then left house. Another witness testified that after this quarrel Mrs. Thompson's arm was "black from shoulder to elbow." On the day of the quarrel, according to Bywaters, Thompson told his wife to get a separation, and she replied that she wanted one, but her husband would "only whine back and retract his statements." Why, if she wanted a separation, she did not leave him neither she nor Bywaters has explained. In the witness-box she said that she pretended to be happy "to satisfy her husband more than anything."

THE LETTERS.

Bywaters, who was employed as a clerk on a P. and O. liner, went back to his ship. "Just before that" Mrs. Thompson and he "fell in love," and so when he was gone they wrote one another love letters. He had a week or two in London in November, 1921, seeing Mrs. Thompson "practically every day." When he sailed again the letters were resumed.

Long extracts from hers were read at the trial. They show considerable fluency of expression. They are in the style of the novelette. The judge called them the outpourings of a silly, wicked affection. There is no doubt about their vigour or the violence of the colours with which they are charged. But when Mrs. Thompson's counsel talked of their "beautiful language of love" he was spending to his brief. Bywaters was a sounder critic when he remarked that the woman who wrote them was "a woman who lived in melodrama," lived and thought and wrote in a world of extravagant passions, a world where everything is bigger, more violently coloured, lighter, and darker than realities. The language of the letters is not of love, a word which is not to be used in this case, but of forced passion and brooding sensuality.

The judge stumbled over a passage about the husband having the right by law to all that the lover has a right to "by nature and love." It may be taken as the text, the old text, of many another squalid correspondence, on which Mrs. Thompson voluminously discoursed. Self-indulgence, according to this philosophy, is an excuse for everything. It was the excuse in this case for elaborate discussion about the ways and means of poisoning the husband. Four or five methods at the least were considered, the use of hypodermic of ground glass, of something which gave a bitter taste, of gas fumes, and of bichloride of mercury, to say nothing of the tactics of Mr. Hichens's heroine, Bella Donna. The woman discussed it all backwards and forwards, and boasted, if words mean anything, of attempts she had made.

But there is no evidence that her husband ever consumed any poisonous substance. None was found in his body. His health was at no time affected. The defence contended that all the eager writing about poison was, as the judge summed up their arguments, "gawk" to show what an heroic person she was." It will not escape notice that the poisons she mentions are notorious in the annals of the criminal courts or in fiction. The suggestion that Mrs. Thompson was, like many others, eager to pretend that she could rank with the most conspicuous of

villains is natural. But there is something to be said for another explanation, in such cases as this it is common to find that the obsessions of passion is delight in cruelty. The gusto with which the administration of poison to the husband is written about is not to be ignored. Whether she did in fact attempt to poison him or not, she took pleasure in the thought of it. The sensual desire which demanded murder found satisfaction in imagining the process of murder. When that is allowed for, we find suggested an answer to the problem over which common sense stumbles, why these two people wanted to do murder at all. There was no practical reason why, if Mrs. Thompson wished to leave her husband, with Bywaters, she should not have done so. She had her own resources, Bywaters his. It is not probable that she would have suffered in position or repute. The chance of such damage was plainly infinitely greater in an attempt at murder. Morality, in the nature of the case, is to be left out of the argument. To any formal, sane judgment her motives for murder are preposterously inadequate. But when we read her letters and see that the killing of her husband was in itself a gratification of passion, motives loom out of the murk.

THE MURDER.

The prosecution was not concerned to interpret the processes of the murderer's mind. It sufficed to prove that Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters were conspiring together to kill her husband. That they did not in fact do it by any of the methods they discussed does not affect the validity of the proof of murderous intent. The jury had before them evidence of a long-studied incitement of the man by the woman to do murder. When he came back to England on September 23rd of this year he telegraphed to her to meet him. She did meet him and frequently. On the afternoon of October 3rd they had tea together. She left him and went to the theatre with her husband. As husband and wife walked from the station at Ilford to their home that night, Bywaters (who lived at Norwood) was there waiting for them.

He said that he had gone there, waiting for them after midnight in a quiet street, to urge Thompson to divorce his wife. There was, one may suppose, nothing else to say, but this was hardly worth saying. He declared that Thompson attacked him and that he killed in self-defence. That is why, on this mission of midnight negotiation in the street, he had provided himself with a sheath knife. But it is a disagreeable task to record the desperate efforts of the lad to give his crime some rags of manliness. He did his best to pretend that the woman knew nothing of his intentions and to take the crime on his own shoulders.

The evidence was overwhelming. When a woman of 28 commits adultery with a lad of 20, and is involved with him in murder, a jury is not easily to be persuaded that he was not under her influence. Everything in the case confirmed the presupposition that the woman was the leader. This is not to make a defence for Bywaters. At 20 a lad must be considered responsible for his actions. "We may well be sorry for him, but his is not a case, however good his record outside this intrigue may be, which commands much sympathy. It is alleged, the evidence being chiefly from Bywaters, that the husband maltreated his wife, and Bywaters, according to his own statement, "extracted a promise from him that he was not to beat her." The lad may have believed himself a knight-errant, protecting an injured lady, but, after all, injured ladies and knight-errants should not correspond about giving broken glass to the brutal husband. There are more honourable ways of protection. Even though we believe the worst which the two who murdered him have insinuated about the man they murdered, there remains against them both the damning question, why did they resort to murder? The woman need not have endured one day more of her husband than she chose. There is only one answer, that they desired, or one of them desired, and imposed a dominant will on the other, murder for its own sake, murder as a punishment, as vengeance, or as cruelty.

The manner in which the case was tried may stand as a model of the manner in which crimes of passion should be investigated. The moderation of the prosecution, which was content to bring out the facts and let the facts speak for themselves, and the calm summing up of the case by Mr. Justice Shearman, in which, when sentimentalities had been curtly ruled out every argument which the defence could advance was considered, however vague its import, but which insisted on the interpretation of facts by commonsense, have done justice. Let us hope that there will be no attempts to retry the case out of court by rhetoric and no glorification of those who are guilty of "a vulgar and common crime."

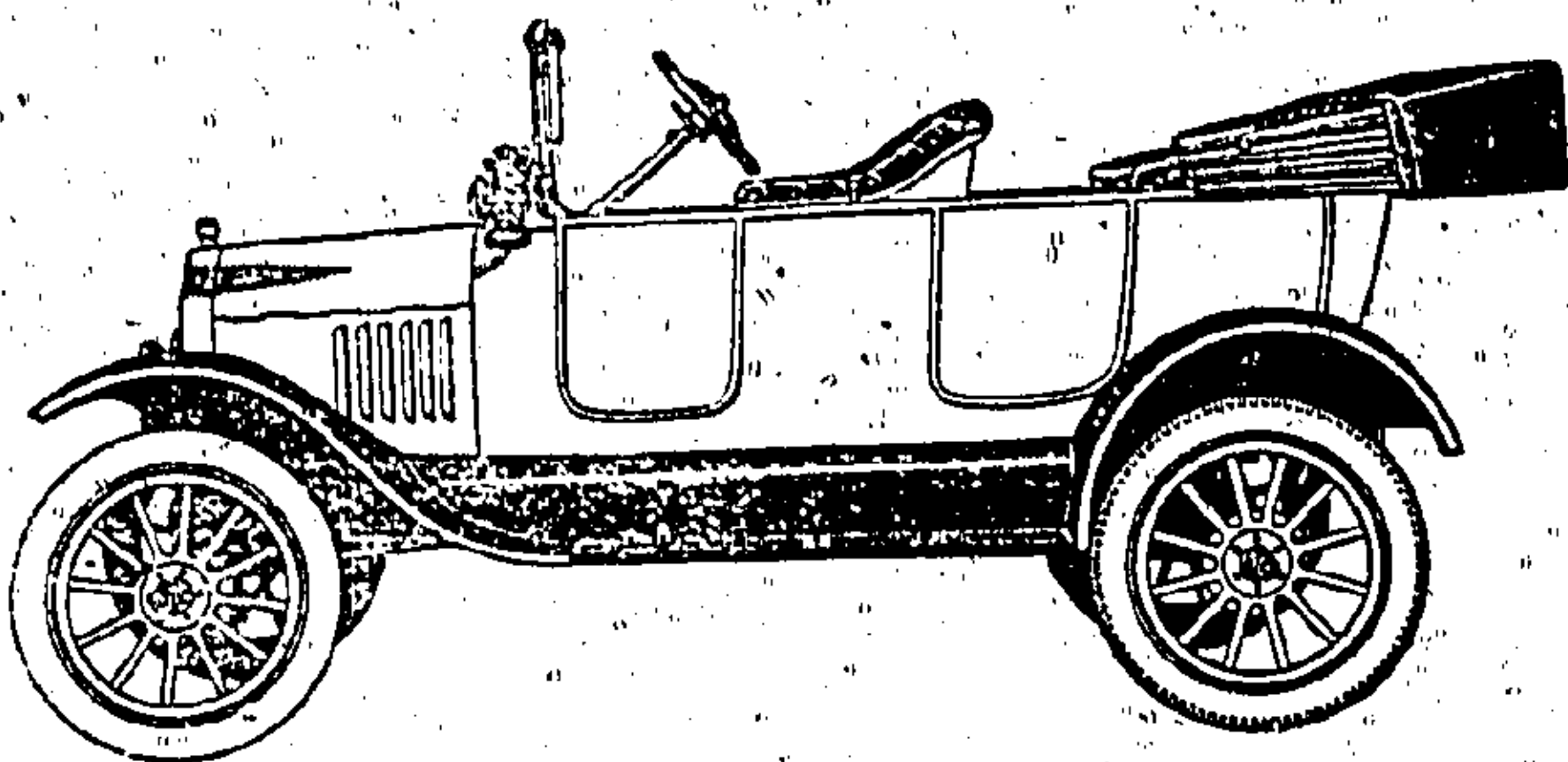
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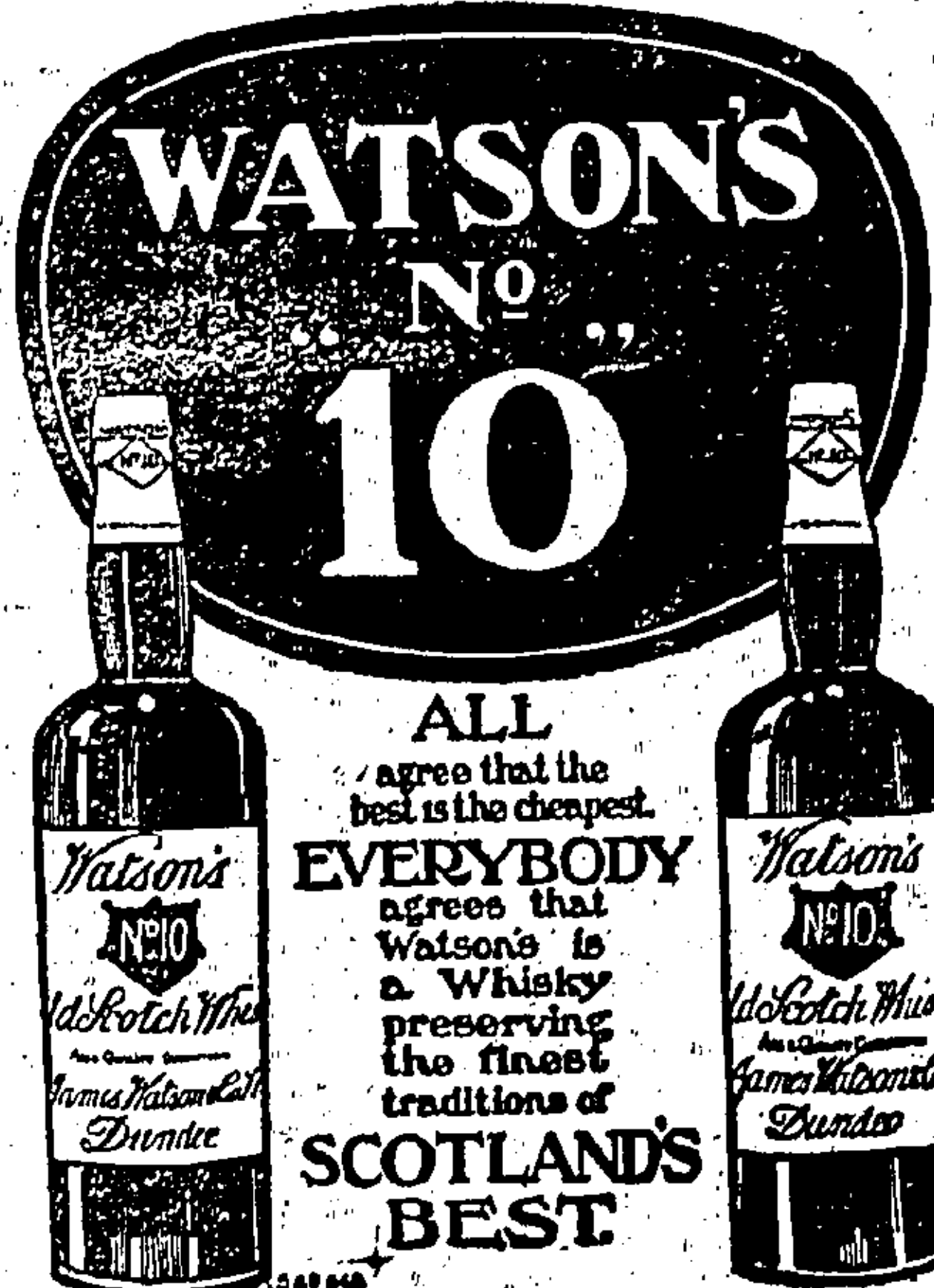
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SPORT

FOOTBALL

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

HONGKONG CHALLENGER SHIELD.

R.G.A. 6	Hongkong Police 1
H.M.S. Durban ... 3	H.M.S. Hawkins ... 0
Kowloon ... 1	South China ... 0
King's Regt. 1	Kowloon Res. 0
South China 'B' ... 3	St. Joseph's ... 1
King's Res. 3	Titania Res. 1
Hawkins Res. 3	H.M.S. Marston ... 2

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

H.M.S. Tamar ... 2	Hongkong Club 1
University ... 3	Park Auxiliaries 0
South China 'A' ... 4	Police Res. 0
Warriors ... 1	Durban Res. 0

"DURBAN" v. "HAWKINS."

This shield match was played on the Navy "A" ground before a large number of sailors. The Hawkins were without Osborne and Hooper while the Durban had the assistance of Hector. The Hawkins started the game but the Durban were the first to attack and, to the surprise of many, Darlison put the latter team one up in the opening minute. The Hawkins from the centre kick took up the attack and forced a corner and during the scramble in the goalmouth following the flag kick King was penalised for jumping and the Hawkins awarded a penalty kick from which Barham made the scores one all. Shortly after, the Hawkins had a lucky escape, for the goalkeeper in holding a shot sent it against the upright and the ball rebounded to play. The Durban took the lead from a penalty awarded against Moss for pushing and Darlison made no mistake. The Durban forced a corner and from a well-placed kick by Watkins, Miller scored, giving the Durban a lead of three goals to one, which was the score at the interval.

From the restart, the Durban got away and Moss had to leave the field through injury. The Hawkins then forced a corner from which Darlison cleared. The Hawkins were doing most of the attacking in this half but the Durban defence played a winning game and Lawrence in goal saved well. King got in the way of a shot from Barkham and Warner, catching the ball on the rebound, sent it wide. Faulty shooting by the Hawkins forwards prevented any further scoring and the Durban qualified to meet Kowloon in the semi-final by three goals to two. Teams:—

Durban:—Lawrence; Legge and King; Brookes, Holden and Hector; Millar, Darlison, Cunn, Yeoman and Watkins.
Hawkins:—Campbell; Adkins and Bickers; Stark, Moss and Sawyer; Barkham, Wrigley, Warner, Frost and Imeson. Referee, Mr. Collins.

R.G.A. v. POLICE.

Playing on the South China ground in a shield match the R.G.A. won by six goals to one. Johnson started the game for the Police and the R.G.A. forced a corner, the Police clearing. Harris got away on the left and from his centre Cousins opened the score. Shortly afterwards the same player netted again and the R.G.A. were two up. Phillips left his goal to clear, but missed the ball. Luckily for the R.G.A. it rolled just outside the posts. Valentine, with a splendid effort, reduced the R.G.A. lead, giving Phillips no chance with a shot from close range. From the centre kick the R.G.A. made straight for goal and Lelliott beat Swan, making the score three to one in favour of the R.G.A. There was no further change before the interval.

From the restart the R.G.A. took up the attack and Castledine was fouled with the kick beat Swan. The Police then took up the attack but had shooting kept the score down. They forced a corner and Simpson sending the ball over the bar. Play was then transferred and Castledine scored. Keeping up the pressure the R.G.A. went further ahead, Castledine again beating Swan. The final whistle found the R.G.A. qualified to play in the semi-final round by six goals to one. Teams:—

R.G.A.:—Phillips, Henwood and Frampton; Bailly, Pascoe and Keay; Pascoe and Keay; Green, Lelliott, Castledine, Cousins and Harris.
Police:—Swan; McWaters and McEwen; McLaren, Forbes and Post; Nolloth, Watson, Johnson, Dr. Valentine and Simpson. Referee, Mr. Perryman.

KINGS v. SOUTH CHINA.

This shield match was played at Sockunpoo before a record crowd. At the end of the seventy minutes the score was one goal all, and extra time was ordered, but after ten minutes' play each way the score remained unaltered and the teams will meet again in the replay. South China kicked off and the King's took up the attack but the South China backs were safe, and at the other end Blace brought off a good save. Hart had Lau beaten in goal with a fast shot, but Ng Kam Cheun headed out for a corner. Williams sent over the bar but the King's forced another corner and South China cleared. South China took up the attack and Ip Kau sent in a shot which Blace only partially cleared. Chan So headed the ball back and it struck the crossbar and was eventually cleared. Just before the interval Lau Yuk Tai was injured and left the field. At the interval the score was blank.

On resumption, play ruled fairly even for the first ten minutes; then the soldiers took up the attack and forced several corners which South China cleared. South China now took up the attack and Chu Kwong Young was pulled up for fouling Blace in goal. The King's put on pressure, and after Jones had been pulled up for offence, Williams came down

the wing and the centre forward trapped the ball and gave it to Dyer who beat Lau and put the King's one up. South China then made desperate efforts to pull the game round, and during the pressure Newton, in attempting to clear, put the ball into his own goal much to the delight of the Chinese crowd. With but a couple of minutes to go both teams tried hard for the lead, but the whistle sounded with the score one goal all. The extra time was full of thrills but there was no score during this period and the game ended as above. Teams:—

Kings:—Blace; Wynne and Williams; Newton, Hodgson and Barlow; Williams, Hart, Lt. Jones, Dyer and Livesey.
South China:—Lau Hing Cheung; Ng Kam Cheun and Lai Yuk Tai; Leung Yuk Tong, Leung Tai Fong and Lam Yuk Ying; Chu Kwong Young, Ip Kau, Wong Pak Chong, Chan So and Chan Kwong Yiu. Referee, Mr. Smith.

KOWLOON v. "AMBROSE."

On the Navy "B" ground the Kowloon qualified for the semi-final by a goal to nil. In addition the game was for the league points and the Ambrose lost their position in the league. Clemons scored the winning goal in the first half and although the subsequent play was in favour of the sailors they failed to score.

JUNIOR SHIELD.

R.G.A. v. "MARAZON."

Playing on the Club ground in a shield match the R.G.A. reversed their league defeat by the Marazion. The R.G.A. took the lead through Maxwellworthy and before the interval Pibworth scored for the Marazion. Crossing over with the scores one all, the R.G.A. scored through Maxwellworthy and the sailors were awarded a penalty for hands, from which Sutherland levelled up. Before the finish the R.G.A. were awarded a penalty and Hicks, beating the goalkeeper, won the match for the R.G.A. who will meet the Kings in the semi-final.

SOUTH CHINA "B" v. KOWLOON.

These teams played a fast game on the South China ground and at the interval the score sheet was blank. Kwok Po Kan opened the score early in the second half and Pang Wa Hing and Leung Wing Tat adding goals South China won the match by 3 to nil. Leung Wing Tat was cautioned for dangerous play.

"HAWKINS" v. "TITANIA."

This game, played on the Navy "A" ground, ended in a win for the Hawkins by two goals to one. Wellman scored in the opening minutes for the Hawkins. The Hawkins scored again before the interval. Shortly after the change of ends the Titania scored and should have levelled up before the close. The Hawkins qualified to meet "South China "B" in the semi-final.

KING'S v. ST. JOSEPH'S.

On the Garrison ground at Sockunpoo the King's qualified for the semi-final by three goals to one. St. Joseph's were the first to attack, but Hollands cleared and the King's took up the attack, Critchlow opening the score for them with a header. Before the interval the same player scored again following a corner. Early in the second half P. Xavier scored for the College and Moore put on a third for the King's.

"TAMAR" v. CLUB.

The Club fielded a weak side in this league match against the Tamar on St. Joseph's ground, and went down by the odd goal in three. The opening play favoured the Club and Routley was lucky to get the ball out from a scramble in the Tamar goalmouth. After Harry had stopped Valentine, Forsyth netted from an offside position. The Club came again and during a melee in front of goal May got the ball into the net. The Tamar then took up the attack, but faulty shooting prevented any score. Grant was pulled up for offside and at the other end Forsyth just missed. Hudson later cleared from a dangerous position and Handford going down sent the ball behind. Oxland headed the ball from a shot by Forsyth behind and Harry cleared from the flag kick. Half time Club 1, Tamar 0.

From the restart the Club got away but Forsyth was stopped for offside play. The game now went in favour of the sailors and seldom did the Club cross the halfway line. The Tamar had four corners in succession, Handford bringing relief by sending the ball over the bar. The Tamar kept up the pressure and The Tamar headed the ball past McPhail and made the scores one all. McPhail was played a good game in goal but was beaten by Hudson with a shot from twenty yards, and the Tamar took the lead. Grant coming through was robbed by McPhail who cleared by good judgment. The Club forwards could not get away and with the Tamar pressing, the game ended in their favour by two goals to one. Teams:—

Tamar:—Routley; Oxland and Harry; Seals, Hudson and Bryant; Hill, Handford, Grant, Wilkins and Clarke.
Club:—McPhail; Bailton and Bishop; Larny, Stewart and Angus; Hamilton, Forsyth, Valentine, May and England. Referee, Mr. Williams.

JUNIOR GAMES.

UNIVERSITY v. AUXILIARIES.

On the St. Joseph's ground the University won by three goals to nil. Tuck won before the interval and the University had a lead of a goal to nil. Tuck Wing put his side further ahead with a high shot and Laing later beating Hill the University won as above. (Continued at foot of next column.)

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WARDERS v. "DURBAN."

The league game between the above teams was played on the Navy "B" and ended in a win for the Warders. Crossing over with a blank sheet the Warders won when Foun beat Davies.

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. POLICE.

At Sockunpoo, this league game ended in a win for the "A" team by four goals to nil. Choy Ping Fan opened the scoring and before half time Yiu Wing Chan added another. After the change of ends Kam took twice and South China won as above.

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FIRST LEAGUE.

CHINESE RECREATION CLUB v. C.S.C.C.

By winning their match against the Chinese Recreation Club on Saturday afternoon, at Happy Valley, the Civil Service Cricket Club, enhanced their chances of finishing top of the first league. The Civil Service side secured an easy win by two wickets and 65 runs.

Batting first, the Chinese made the moderate total of 97 runs, G. R. Sayer taking five of the wickets for 36 runs. The Civil Service replied with 163 runs for the loss of eight wickets. Sutherland got the measure of the Chinese bowlers and had the fielders on the run. He hit out with considerable confidence as will be seen from his score of 80 which included six sixes and 10 fours. Sayer also contributed a very useful 33.

Scores:—

CHINESE B.C.				
Ng Sze Kwong, b Sayer	24			
M. W. Lo, b Ling	4			
C. Choi, b Sayer	13			
Wong Sik To, c Wood, b Sayer	3			
G. Lee, b Sayer	5			
W. Hung, c Holdman, b Hamilton	27			
Y. K. Shi, c Holdman, b Sayer	0			
H. C. Hung, c Baker, b Hamilton	17			
H. Ching, not out	0			
M. K. Lo, b Hamilton	0			
J. M. Fan, b Ling	1			
Extras	4			
Total	97			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	5.5	0	28	3
Hamilton	6	1	13	3
Sayer	8	0	36	5
Baker	4	0	7	0
Grimmett	2	0	10	0

C.S.C.C.

A. E. Wood, b Ching	0			
A. R. Sutherland, c W. Hung, b Ng	60			
A. Grimmett, run out	20			
E. C. Fletcher, run out	19			
G. R. Sayer, b G. Lee	38			
F. Baker, c Lee, b Ching	5			
F. J. Ling, b H. C. Hung	2			
C. Sara, not out	7			
Extras	10			
Total (for 8 wks.)	162			

E. H. Holdman and H. Strange did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. Lee	8.1	1	39	1
H. Ching	8	0	39	2
Ng Sze Kwong	4	0	28	1
H. C. Hung	5	1	23	1
Wong Sik To	3	0	23	1

I.R.C. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

The Indian Recreation Club met Craigenower C.C. at Sookunpoo Valley. The match resulted in a comfortable win for the Indians by 154 runs as against 114. They won the toss, but started badly, the first wicket falling for two runs only. S. H. Ismail was the next man in, and made partnership with his brother S. D. Ismail. He managed to knock up a good forty, the highest score of the day. The batting of Craigenower was weak, a 24 by Lawrence being the best individual score made.

Scores:—

I.R.C.				
A. H. Rumjahn, c Hope, b Omar	1			
S. D. Ismail, b M. H. Abbas	27			
S. H. Ismail, c D'Arcy Evans, b Omar	40			
N. B. Kitchell, c Hope, b C. M. Abbas	2			
A. H. Madar, run out	1			
A. Arculli, lb.w., b Major	8			
J. R. Curreen, not out	37			
S. A. Ismail, c Lawrence, b Omar	1			
Siridar Khan, c Omar, b Major	14			
M. P. Madar, c Basa, b Major	5			
S. A. Rumjahn, b M. H. Abbas	0			
Extras	13			
Total	154			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
V. Omar	14	1	49	3
M. H. Abbas	9	0	18	2
Y. Abbas	5	0	19	0
W. Major	17	0	32	2
F. Lawrence	3	0	18	0

CRAIGENGOWER.

F. Lawrence, c Curreen, b Arculli	24			
U. Omar, b Arculli	16			
B. Basa, b Madar	25			
B. W. Bradbury, c S. Rumjahn, b G. H. Ismail	1			
D'Arcy Evans, lb.w., b Arculli	10			
Grimmett, lb.w., b Madar	8			
Y. Abbas, c S. Khan, b Arculli	0			
Berry, b Madar	0			
M. Abbas, b Arculli	15			
Major, c b, b Arculli	15			
Hope, not out	2			
Extras	9			
Total	114			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. H. Madar	0	0	29	3
S. H. Ismail	5	0	26	1
A. Arculli	9.5	0	27	6
J. R. Curreen	2	0	19	0

K.C.C. 1st XI v. R.G.A.

The Kowloon Cricket Club first eleven visited the R.G.A. Cricket Club ground on Saturday and defeated the Home side by two wickets and 41 runs.

The Home side went in first, and were dismissed for 67 runs, Capt. Spinks securing six of the wickets for 39 runs, and B. D. Evans took the remaining four for 25 runs. These two players were equally successful with the bat, and going in first for their side, they scored 68 between them, at which figure they retired. The remaining six wickets were dismissed cheaply.

Scores:—

R.G.A.				
Capt. O. Olliver, b Evans	48			
Lt. Chester, lb.w. Capt Spinks	1			
Sergt. Stevens, b Evans	0			
Capt. Barrett, c Fletcher, b Capt. Spinks	1			
Lt. Parker, b Capt. Spinks	0			
Gr. Pomfret, b Evans	3			
Capt. Bensley, b Capt Spinks	2			
Gr. Davis, not out	4			
Lt. Fendall, b Evans	2			
Gr. Bernas, c and b Capt. Spinks	0			
Gr. Bala, std. Benson, b Capt. Spinks	0			
Extras	3			
Total	67			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. E. G. Spinks	9	1	39	6
B. D. Evans	8	2	25	4

K.C.C.

Capt. E. G. Spinks, retired	27			
B. D. Evans, retired	35			
L. A. R. Duncan, b Davis	0			
D. Lyon, b Pomfret	0			
E. F. Spinks, b Pomfret	4			
W. J. Woolley, b Pomfret	0			
J. M. Jack, b Pomfret	8			
J. P. Robinson, c Pomfret, b Davis	1			
H. H. Benson, not out	2			
Extras	22			
Total (for 8 wks.)	108			

J. C. Fletcher did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Fendall	5	0	33	0
Gr. Pomfret	10	0	33	4
Gr. Davis	5	0	21	2

SECOND LEAGUE.

KOWLOON C.C. v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.

This match was played on the Kowloon ground, and resulted in a draw, neither team finishing its innings. In forcing this conclusion of the game, the K.O.C. have taken away any chances their opponents might have had of winning in the second league, for the Indians are now considerably ahead of them. The Engineers batted first and secured a total of 197 for eight wickets. C.S.M. Pearson made a good 68 before being bowled by Overy, and this was the highest score of the day. Sergt. Townsend and Staff-Sergt. Best did not bat.

Scores:—

R.E.'s.				
Lt. Sgt. Cochell, b W. J. Shenton	1			
St. Sgt. Brown, c Raitton, b J. Frank	3			
C.S.M. Pearson, b H. Overy	68			
Capt. Wall, b N. L. Raitton	37			
St. Sgt. Bidpath, c E. J. Edwards, b W. B. Hackett	38			
Lieut. Hammond, c and b H. Overy	0			
Cpt. Jacobson, played on Overy	9			
O.S.M. Smith, not out	10			
St. Sgt. Hamblin, c Brown, b J. Fraser	29			
Extras	10			
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	197			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
W. J. Shenton	4	0	23	1
W. L. Weaver	2	0	23	0
J. Fraser	4.1	0	18	2
N. L. Raitton	8	0	42	1
H. Overy	9	0	50	3
W. B. Hackett	2	0	25	1
B. Petheram	1	0	11	0

KOWLOON 2nd XI.

S. Jer, b Jacobson	37			
B. Petheram, c and b Pearson	20			
J. Fraser, b Jacobson	23			
A. O. Brown, c and b Cochell	19			
E. J. Edwards, b Cochell	23			
N. L. Raitton, c Pearson, b Townsend	18			
A. Donnelly, b Townsend	9			
W. L. Weaver, c Wall, b Townsend	0			
H. Overy, not out	17			
W. B. Hackett, b Townsend	4			
W. J. Shenton, not out	0			
Extras	7			
Total (for 9 wks.)	170			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Lt. Hammond	4	0	21	0
Townsend	9	0	33	4
Pearson	4	0	18	1
Cochell	17	0	63	3
Jacobson	8	1	25	2
Redpath	2	0	6	0

I.R.C. 2nd XI v. POLICE.

The Indian 2nd XI played the Police on the latter's ground, and won by a wicket and 79 runs. The Police won the toss and sent their opponents "in to bat." The Indians opened cautiously and knocked up 154 runs for 9 wickets in slow time, and declared at 4.30. H. D. Rumjahn stayed in for nearly an hour and was top-scorer for them with 33 runs, which consisted of 29 singles and one four. The Police were all out within an hour for 75 runs. Alexander top-scored for them with 27 runs. Both teams fielded well. H. D. Rumjahn did well with the ball taking 8 wickets for 38 runs. R. Earnshaw taking 4 wickets for 11 runs had the best bowling average for the day.

Scores:—

INDIAN B.C.				
D. Rumjahn, c Watts, b King	24			
H. D. Rumjahn, c Alexander, b R. Earnshaw	33			
R. Nazarin, run out	11			
F. M. Arculli, b Watts	10			
I. Hassan, b R. Earnshaw	11			
O. Rumjahn, c Elwood, b R. Earnshaw	0			
E. Moosdeen, c Elwood, b R. Earnshaw	0			
A. Kitchell, c Reynolds, b King	18			
A. K. Minu, c Reynolds, b Kelly	1			
J. Akker, not out	2			
A. R. M. Samy, not out	18			
Extras	21			
Total	154			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
O. Earnshaw	11	4	18	0
O. Kelly	15	2	47	1
T. H. King	7	0	24	2
N. J. Watts	8	2	15	1
O. Alexander	3	0	18	0
R. Earnshaw	3	1	11	4

POLICE B.C.

C. F. Alexander, c Akker, b H. D. Rumjahn	27			
N. J. Watts, c Arculli, b H. D. Rumjahn	30			
R. Earnshaw, c O. Rumjahn, b Arculli	0			
B. Thorpe, b H. R. Rumjahn	0			
A. Reynolds, lb.w. Kitchell	19			
A. Baker, b H. D. Rumjahn	9			
T. H. King, not out	10			
C. Earnshaw, b H. D. Rumjahn	4			
E. Kelly, c D. Rumjahn, b H. D. Rumjahn	0			
Rumjahn	0			
E. Elwood, c D. Rumjahn, b H. D. Rumjahn	0			
H. Hallam, c D. Rumjahn, b H. D. Rumjahn	0			
Rumjahn	0			
Total	75			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. Arculli	8	0	32	1
H. D. Rumjahn	10	1	38	3
A. Kitchell	2	1	5	1

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

UNIVERSITY 1st XI v. H.K.C.C. 1st XI.

A friendly match between the University 1st XI and the Hongkong C.C. 1st XI was played on the University ground on Saturday and resulted in a draw, the advantage, if anything, resting with the visitors.

The Club had first knock and scored 208 for the loss of seven wickets, at which figure they declared. At this stage L. J. Davies (the Club's wicket-keeper) and Nicholson were hitting out and carried the score from 147 when the seventh wicket fell to 208, and the side declared. Davies' 68 not out included 10 fours. Farthing made a useful 54, which included six boundaries.

The University replied with 110 for the loss of six wickets, the sixth falling when the score stood at 84. T. E. Yeh was the top scorer for his side, making 44.

Scores:—

H.K.C.C.				
A. L. Gaze, b Balhatchet	3			
E. H. Wild, c Balhatchet, b Quick	1			
J. D. H. Crawford, b Balhatchet	2			
J. D. Humphreys, c Yeh, b Rumjahn	23			
T. E. Pearce, c Yeh, b Quick	7			
P. H. Farthing, b Quick	54			
E. W. Alderson, b Balhatchet	11			
L. J. Davies, not out	68			
D. E. G. Nicholson, not out	20			
Extras	12			
Total (for 7 wks., dec.)	206			

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
H. N. Balhatchet	16	1	53	3
Rev. E. K. Quick	13	1	53	2
A. A. Rumjahn	9	1	37	1
T. E. Yeh	6	0	25	0
Ng Bow Poo	3	0	28	0

UNIVERSITY.

Extras	3
Total (for 6 wickets).....	110
T. O. Yeow and H. Hunt did not bat.	
Bowling Analysis	
	C. M. R. W.
H. Owen Hughes.....	13 41 9
G. H. Piercy.....	0 33 5
F. H. Farthing.....	9 1 28 1
J. D. Crawford.....	3 9 5 0

UNIVERSITY 2nd XI v. H.K.C.C.
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KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.
THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12th at 4 p.m.
All Kowloon residents are cordially invited to attend.
A. MORLEY,
Hon. Secretary,
Kowloon, February 5th, 1923. [332]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
IN THE GOODS OF RAPHAEL AARON GURRAY late of Victoria, Hongkong, Exchange Broker (deceased).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 68 of the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 3 of 1897) made an order limiting the time for sending in claims to or against the above Estate to the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1923. Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned by the above date.
Dated this 3rd day of February, 1923.
DEACON, HARBSTON & SHENTON,
Proctors for the Executor,
1, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong. [325]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. DODWELL & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1922.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 13th February, 1923, both days inclusive.
DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY the 24th FEBRUARY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The Register of shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, 12th February, to Saturday, 24th February, 1923 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 5th February, 1923. [320]

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The Railway does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any, tender.
The Head Office,
CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY,
Canton, 5th February, 1923. [321]

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 13th inst., or they will not be recognized.
All damaged packages will be examined on Friday, the 9th inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSER,
Acting Agent,
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1923. [322]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTIFICATION.
THE Office and Stations of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 15th FEBRUARY (Commemoration Day of the Republic of China), and from the 15th to 17th FEBRUARY, inclusive (Chinese New Year Holidays).
C. THORNE,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.
3rd February, 1923. [327]

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DEACON, HARBSTON & SHENTON,
Proctors for the Administrators,
1, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong. [329]

PARTICULARS

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY Situate No. 13, WING HING STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

To be Sold by Order of the Mortgagee By PUBLIC AUCTION, IN ONE LOT, On MONDAY, the 5th DAY OF FEB., 1923, at 3 o'clock P.M. By Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers, At Their Office, DUNDRELL STREET.

THE Property consists of First ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and registered in the Land Office as SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 2168 together with the messuages erections or buildings thereon now known as No. 13, Wing Hing Street and Secondly ALL THAT strip of land at the rear of the said Section A of Inland Lot No. 2168 being a scavenging lane. All of which premises are held for the residue of the term of 75 years from the 15th day of May, 1916, created by the Crown Lease thereof together with the valuable machinery now situate in or upon the said premises and at No. 1 Gordon Street.

Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS, Solicitors, 8, Des Vaux Road Central, and Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers, [327]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of FEBRUARY, 1923, at Three o'clock P.M.

At their Auction Rooms in DUNDRELL STREET, THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTIES Situate near Saigon Street, Yaumatei in the Colony of Hongkong and being Portions of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 intended to be registered in the Land Office as SUBSECTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 OF SECTION D OF KOWLOON MARINE LOT No. 49.

To be sold IN THREE LOTS Each Lot containing an area of 4,758 square feet or thereabouts and more, particularly shown and delineated on a plan exhibited at the Office of Messrs. DEACON, HARBSTON & SHENTON and at the Auction Rooms of the Auctioneers.

LOT 1.—Subsection 1 of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 as per plan.
LOT 2.—Subsection 2 of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 as per plan and
LOT 3.—Subsection 3 of Section D of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 as per plan.

ALL THE LOTS WILL BE SOLD EXCLUSIVE OF RECLAMATION RIGHTS.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply Messrs. DEACON, HARBSTON & SHENTON, Solicitors, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, or Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, the Auctioneers. [326]

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTOR.

PUBLIC AUCTION of the FOLLOWING VALUABLE and DESIRABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY, Inland Lot No. 1772 and the messuages known as "ULBANK," No. 2, MAY ROAD, Situate thereon.

TO BE SOLD Subject to a Reserve Price on TUESDAY, the 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1923, at 3 P.M., by LAMBERT BROTHERS, Auctioneers, at their Sales Room, Dundrell Street.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale can be obtained from Messrs. DEACON, HARBSTON & SHENTON, No. 1, Des Vaux Road Central or from Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS, the Auctioneers, Hongkong, 1st February, 1923. [315]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT GAME.

HONGKONG v. SHANGHAI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th.

Club Ground, Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC v. SHANGHAI

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th.

Club Ground, kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

BOTH GAMES.

ADMISSION TO STANDS:—

Covered (All Reserved) ... \$2.00

Uncovered (Reserved) ... 1.50

Unreserved ... 1.00

Chairs ... 0.50

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price to all the Unreserved Seats.

Booking for the Reserved Accommodation opens at MOUTRIAS on the 5th. [310]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FEBRUARY SETTLEMENT DAY has been altered from MONDAY, 26th, to FRIDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1923.

By Order of the Committee, F. TESTER, Secretary.

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CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, CONNAUGHT ROAD, on SATURDAY, the 10th of FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 1st February, 1923, until Saturday, the 10th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1923. [376]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS IN THIS COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th February to the 12th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1923. [370]

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 5th February to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENT CO., LTD., General Agents for

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1923. [325]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 4A, Des Vaux Road, on TUESDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 29th January, to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1923. [319]

THE CORONET.

D ORIS KEANE

ROMANCE.

KOWLOON THEATRE.

A BEGGAR IN PURPLE.

INTIMATION

Just received

Fresh shipment of

BASS' LIGHT ALE

Purple Triangle Brand

Pints & Splits

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Wine & Spirit Merchants.

PHONE CENTRAL 616

BIRTHS.

AMIDANT.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. AMIDANT, a son.

DORIS.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. DORIS, a daughter.

LINDSEY.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. LINDSEY, a son.

DEATHS.

BERG.—At Shanghai, on January 28th, EMMA MARY RAGSDALE BERG, wife of George P. Berg.

REINSCHE.—At Dr. Fearn's Hospital, Shanghai, on January 28th, Dr. PAUL S. REINSCHE, at the age of 63.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 104, DES VAUX RD., C.

LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 5TH, 1923.

OIL IN TROUBLED WATERS.

Is the news in connection with Saghalien oil, which was reported from Paris on January 29th is correct, we may be sure that in it lies the germ of considerable trouble. According to the *Chicago Tribune's* Moscow correspondent, the Soviet has granted an America oil company a concession lasting for thirty-six years under which the Americans may exploit petroleum in an area of five hundred square miles in Northern Saghalien, and they may also construct two ports on the Pacific coast. This news, if trustworthy—and, since the *Manchester Guardian* has commented upon it, it seems likely to have some basis of fact—will cause a good deal of activity in the Foreign Office at Tokyo.

The island of Saghalien has been a centre of Japanese interest for a very long time, an expedition having been sent to explore it in 1755. At the time when Japan first awoke to the danger of Russia's expansion from the North, she was still rubbing her eyes after her awakening from two centuries of sleepy seclusion and the Russians were able to insist on their claims to Saghalien in return for a cash payment and the simple process of recognizing Japan's sovereignty over the Kurile islands. This event took place in 1875.

When Japan became fairly launched on that policy of territorial and economic expansion whose end is not yet, she seems to have shaped her endeavour in accordance with two principles—one territorial, the other economic. With the latter we are not now much concerned, but her policy of territorial expansion is worth

a moment's attention. Between 1878 and 1911 the following territories were successively added to her Empire: First, the Loochoo islands; next, Formosa and the Pescadores; then, the Southern half of Saghalien and the Kwantung peninsula; and, lastly, Korea. A glance at the map will show that by those acquisitions Japan has built herself into a wall which runs like a breakwater from a point off the China coast adjacent to Swatow up to a point on the coast north of Vladivostok. Within the seclusion of this barricade, the policy of economic exploitation on the continent (assisted where possible by territorial gain) has been, and is being, vigorously pursued. It will be observed, however, that the barrier is not complete. There is a gap in the north occupied by the upper half of Saghalien. As a consequence of events arising from the Great War, Japan, until the last few months has held Vladivostok, dominated the Maritime Provinces of Siberia, and still has troops in Northern Saghalien in and around the port of Nikolavsk, and, so far as we have been able to ascertain, such government as may be said to exist in the north of Saghalien to-day is controlled by Japan.

Events have obliged the Japanese to evacuate Vladivostok, and it may be we shall eventually hear of them leaving Nikolavsk. So far as the military party are concerned, this evacuation will be very reluctantly carried out, since of recent years a new factor has invested Saghalien with special importance in the eyes of the Japanese. This is the discovery of its petroleum. Modern navies move on oil fuel, and a fleet without fuel is like an army without food. The war-time requirements of the Japanese fleet probably exceed 1,000,000 tons, and at the present Japan is almost entirely dependent on foreign supplies in this respect.

In order to rectify this distressing situation, the naval authorities have been busy for some time in accumulating a reserve, and they have financed oil-boring operations in Saghalien. Though at present the tapings have not come up to expectations, there seems no doubt that the oil is there. It will thus be appreciated that the presence of an American oil company in Saghalien can hardly be otherwise than distasteful to the Japanese Government.

Finally, there is the question of the two ports which the company are to have the right to develop. To appreciate the situation in regard to Japan of a port on the coast of Saghalien it is necessary to look at a map of a type of which possibly a considerable number of our readers have never heard, let alone seen. We refer to a Gnomonic projection. Accustomed as we are to look at the ordinary Mercator's projection, we insensibly form an opinion in regard to the situation and area of Northern and Southern lands that is totally opposed to the actual facts. The Mercator map, accurate enough for the middle latitudes, is a caricature of the earth from about 35 degrees North and South up to the Poles. On a Gnomonic projection (or a globe) one can see at a glance that a portion in Saghalien under American control, though suffering from the disadvantage of ice in winter, would be a certain eventuality be an extremely painful thorn in Japanese flesh. It would lie a few hundred miles from the mainland of Japan and well under three thousand miles from Dutch Harbour, which is an ice-free American port in the Aleutian Islands. We do not suggest for a moment that the activities of the American company are other than purely commercial, but, unless we are greatly at fault in our estimation of the mentality of the military party in Japan, those activities, however innocent, will be suspected as fraught with danger to the Empire of Japan, and in any event a spoke in the wheel of that domination of North-Eastern Asia which the records of the past indicate as being Japanese policy. For these several reasons, then, we forecast that if the telegram on which we have based these reflections is the statement of a fact, it is also the birth announcement of an addition to the already numerous and squalling family of "Far Eastern Questions."

Police Sergeant F. James has been appointed to be a sanitary inspector for Stanley.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., is to distribute the prizes at St. Paul's College on Wednesday.

The former Manchurian Imperial House is reported to have presented the Peking Government with a demand that an article providing for special treatment and privileges for members of the Royal House be included in the Permanent Constitution.

The Japan papers announce the engagement of Miss Margaret Maitland, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Maitland of Yokohama, and Mr. H. E. Adams, at present in Tokyo. The wedding will probably take place in the latter part of next month.

Mr. J. Balgoun, of Queen's College, was the victim of an impudent theft in Lyndhurst Terrace, near Pottinger Street at about 1.50 p.m. on Friday. He was walking with Mr. J. O. Fletcher when he noticed that a gold watch with a silk fob and pendant worth £20 and \$40 in notes were missing from his waistcoat pocket.

To-day (Monday) at 5.30 p.m. Mr. H. W. Kent will give a lecture at the Helena May Institute, 40 Ch. collecting Chinese Pottery and Porcelain and other Curios. A small display of curios will be on view before the lecture, which will be illustrated. All who are interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.—ADVT.

A notification in the *Government Gazette* states that "in accordance with section 7 of the St. Joseph's College Incorporation Ordinance 1921 satisfactory evidence has been furnished to His Excellency the Governor by Brother Aimer Pierre of his appointment as the Director in Hongkong of St. Joseph's College. Brother Aimer has been engaged in Educational work in the Straits Settlements, but is well-known in Hongkong where he previously acted for a time as Director of St. Joseph's College. He has recently returned to the East from France, and arrived in Hongkong a week ago.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER APPOINTED.

PEKING, February 3rd.

A Mandate, issued last night, appointed Huang Fu acting Foreign Minister and accepted Mr. Alfred Sze's resignation. Huang Fu is at present director of the financial conference, and he was at one time financial advisor at the Washington Conference, hence it is considered his advice will be useful in the present financial difficulties of the Government.

GOVERNMENT INTERVENES ON BEHALF OF RAILWAYMEN.

Owing to General Chiu Yun Ao dissolving the Railwaymen's Union headquarters at Cheng Chow, railwaymen on the Peking-Hankow railway struck this morning. No trains are running from Peking to the South.

The Government has wired to Chin Yun Ao ordering him not to interfere with the workmen's headquarters, hence it is expected that the strike will speedily be over.

NEW TULI OF KWANGTUNG SUGGESTED.

Tsai Cheng Hsun, the Tuli of Kiangsi, has wired urging the Government to appoint Shen Hung Ying to the post of Tuli of Kwangtung.

DUPLICATE CHINESE BONDS.

CLAIM BY THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

PEKING, February 4th.

Semi-official statements in the newspapers state that the Ministry of Finance has protested against the detention by the Yokohama Specie Bank of a portion of the Salt surplus for the last two months for the declared purpose of meeting coupons of the 1913 Reorganisation Loan. The Ministry affirms that the coupons in possession of the bank are advance bonds which should have been replaced by actual bonds, but the outbreak of the war prevented the Russian bankers withdrawing the advance bonds, while the actual bonds were retained at the Petrograd Treasury pending better exchange conditions. Subsequently the formal loan bonds came into the possession of the Bolsheviks who attempted to dispose of them in the London and Paris markets, but both governments entered a caveat. Now, somehow or other, duplicates have come into the hands of the Yokohama Specie Bank. These coupons are said to amount to £127,585, but the Bank is detaining two million dollars.

The Ministry of Finance points out that as the advance bonds issued by the Russian Bank were not withdrawn, the Chinese Government would have to pay to the same bond which it compelled to honour the interest coupons of duplicate bonds held by the bank. Moreover, anticipating the possible appearance of such bonds, the Chinese Government informed the Reorganisation Loan Bank at the end of 1921 that unless certain formalities were complied with the Loan Bonds in question would not be honoured by the bank. However it pleads that it has not received sufficient notice.

FAR EASTERN TRADE.

ANOTHER BIG LINER LAUNCHED.

The Blue Funnel Line steamship *Sarpedon*, 19,400 tons, destined for the Far East trade, has been launched at Birkenhead. Mr. R. D. Holt, in a speech delivered at the launching, mentioned that one steamer recently brought 13,500,000 fresh eggs from China by means of refrigerating machinery.

M. PERNOTTE RELEASED.

PARIS, February 3rd.

M. Pernotte ex-Manager of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, who has served his term of imprisonment, was released last night.

PEKING'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

TEN MILLION DOLLARS WANTED.

The Finance Minister in a circular telegram to the Provinces states that the Treasury is empty and the revenue from the 11th year bonds is exhausted. The Customs and Salt revenues cannot be touched. The government needs ten million dollars to tide over the New Year, and the provinces should do their utmost to remit funds to Peking.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]FRANCE AND GERMANY.
RUHR RAILWAY EASTWARD
TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

PARIS, February 3rd.

It is stated that the arrangements for the closing of the Ruhr have worked perfectly, and yesterday all trains to the east were stopped. Advice from Essen state that the postmen have resumed.

GERMAN PROTEST REGARDING
REFUSAL OF MORATORIUM.

PARIS, February 3rd.

The first German note sent to the Reparations Commission, since the occupation of the Ruhr, protests against the refusal to grant a moratorium and the application for a normal rate of payments. It urges the commission to make a new estimate of Germany's capacity.

ANOTHER GERMAN OFFICIAL
UNDER ARREST.

BERLIN, February 3rd.

Advice from Cologne state that the French have arrested Herr Fuchs, Oberpräsident of the Rhine Province.

CONTRADICTION FRENCH AND
GERMAN REPORTS.

LONDON, February 3rd.

While the French newspapers continue to refer optimistically to the relaxation of the tension on the Ruhr and to speak of the Germans freely co-operating with the French and also to prophesy that traffic will be restored to normal within a few days, German journals intimate that anti-French feeling is hardening throughout the country, quoting as an instance the refusal of the Head Quarters of the Reichswehr at Munich, to talk to the French and Belgian members of the Control Commission, who were seeking to carry out an inspection.

It is learned in London that the German, yesterday, stopped the Paris-Bucarest and Paris-Prague expresses, on the ground of shortage of coal. The French retaliated by suspending the passenger traffic on the Karlsruhe and Baden lines, with the exception of the Holland and Swiss expresses.

COLOGNE, February 3rd.

A fierce agitation has resulted from the recent order forbidding German policemen to salute Franco-Belgian officers. A policeman at Bechem has been arrested and horsewhipped for failing to salute. The French are confiscating the contents of the shops for refusing to serve French and Belgians.

FATAL AFFRAY IN A
TRAM CAR.

BRUSSELS, February 3rd.

Two Belgian soldiers boarded an Oberhausen-Essen tram-car and the refusal of the conductor to accept their passes led to an altercation, in which the passengers joined. The angry crowd attempted to eject the soldiers, who, in self defence used their arms, killing the conductor and wounding a passenger.

GERMAN OFFICIAL INDICTED FOR
HIGH TREASON.

COLOGNE, February 3rd.

The Customs Inspector at Duisburg is being indicted for High Treason by the German Supreme Court, for handing over his books and documents to the Belgians.

BERLIN, February 3rd.

Semi-official rumours to the effect that the Germans are preparing to yield to French pressure are untrue; on the contrary the Government's resistance is increasing.

The Inter-Allied Commission has suspended four Cologne newspapers for a period of three days, for a refusal to print a communication when ordered to do so.

REPARATIONS QUESTION RAISED
IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

PARIS, February 3rd.

M. H. Branting (Prime Minister of Sweden) raised the reparations question at a private session of the Council of the League of Nations, but it is not likely that a statement will be issued.

CONSIDERATION BY LEAGUE
WOULD BE PREMATURE.

PARIS, February 3rd.

The Council of the League of Nations has adjourned until April, without discussing the reparations question, of which they were unofficially apprised. Mr. Branting interviewed by Reuters said that the secret session of the League of Nations Council, at which he raised the subject of reparations, considered that the pursuit of the question would be premature and inadmissible until the Government concerned had solicited the League's assistance.

GREAT BRITAIN STILL OPPOSED
TO MORATORIUM.

PARIS, February 3rd.

Great Britain, in abstaining from the reparations decision resolved to maintain her decision to refuse a moratorium, and will insist on the enforcement of the schedule of payments fixed last year, regarding cash and wood.

FRENCH BUDGET REJECTED BY
SENATE FINANCE COMMISSION.

PARIS, February 3rd.

Though the Chamber of Deputies recently adopted the Budget, it has not succeeded in balancing revenue and expenditure, and the Finance Commission of the Senate has now refused to examine the Budget before the Chamber has succeeded in balancing it. The sub-committee recently appointed on the matter, by the Chamber's Finance Commission, has decided to submit to the bankers and financiers a scheme whereby taxation officials are empowered to enter banks in order to examine accounts. The sub-committee will, subsequently, with the Minister of Finance, investigate further methods of reducing expenditure and creating fresh taxation resources to replace the twenty per cent. general increase in taxation, which has been dropped. Thereafter, an attempt will be made to draft a bill for presentation to the Chamber.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES SHOW
GOOD RECOVERIES.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Foreign exchanges made good recoveries, closing with French francs 75.55, Belgian 86.05, Lire 87, marks 173,000, to 178,000, and sterling 4.67.

Foreign exchanges have substantially recovered and closed with French francs at 73.05, Belgian 82.75, Lire 97, marks 168,000 to 173,000, sterling 4.67.

SITUATION RAPIDLY REACHING
AN IMPASSE.

LONDON, February 3rd.

The situation inside the Ruhr is becoming somewhat better, owing to the German renunciation of the past programme of "bitter end" resistance, rather than admit a partial success of French improvisations and repression. Impartial observers feel, however, that the position is rapidly reaching an impasse in which both countries will be likely to make overtures, but it is improbable that they will look askance at German proposals. The German Government is somewhat helpless however, in this matter, and the key of the position is held by the industrial magnates.

LLOYD GEORGE THINKS FRANCE
WILL SUFFER HEAVILY.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Mr. Lloyd George, asked his opinion as regards the Ruhr, on his return to London, said he was of the opinion that France will suffer heavily owing to her occupation of that region. He strongly disapproved of the idea of the withdrawal of British troops from the occupied area.

GERMANY PROTESTS AGAINST
COAL BLOCKADE.

BERLIN, February 3rd.

The Government has presented a Note to France strongly protesting against the coal blockade of unoccupied Germany, repudiating the French contention that Germany has committed a breach of the Peace Treaty, and declaring that the reason for the blockade is the failure of France's first act of violence, namely, the occupation of the Ruhr, which is driving France to commit fresh acts of injustice. The French and Polish diplomatic representatives at Berlin handed to the German Foreign Office a Note protesting against the restriction of international train services between France and Poland, as a violation of the Peace Treaty.

EARLIER CABLES.

AN AMERICAN LABOUR VIEW.

NEW YORK, February 2nd.

The Central Trades Labour Council, with a membership of half a million, has passed a resolution urging the Government to use its good offices to secure the immediate withdrawal of the French from Germany, declaring the occupation is unjustifiable and threatens the stability of Europe and America.

THE RUHR SITUATION.

[BY COURTESY OF THE FRENCH CONSUL.]

BORDEAUX, February 2nd.

The new Administration of the Ruhr is working satisfactorily. The railway service is working regularly in the district of Treves, the Palatinate and in the British zone. Bonn workmen offered to repair the broken machinery and material. The directing staff of railways having been expelled, the subaltern staff at Düsseldorf appointed new Directors and resume their service under French control. At Essen the postmen unconditionally resumed their work. A general feeling of relief prevails amongst the workmen and merchants.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]THE FRENCH NOTE TO
ANGORA.FRANCE FULLY SUPPORTS THE
ALLIES.

LAUSANNE, February 3rd.

M. Poincare has instructed M. Bompard to support the British, and to tell Ismet Pasha that the Allied concessions are final, and must be accepted.

It is understood that the concessions include the abandonment of the demand for the limitation of Turkish forces in East Thrace, a reduction of war damages from £15,000,000 to £12,000,000 and the renunciation of the Judicial Capitulations, but demanding the appointment of European judicial advisers in the reorganisation of the Turkish Judiciary. There is no change as regards Mosul.

TURKO-AMERICAN COMMERCIAL
TREATY POSSIBLE.

LAUSANNE, February 3rd.

There is every reason to believe that a Turko-American treaty of amity and commerce will be concluded at Lausanne if the treaty with the Allies is signed, but not otherwise.

EARLIER CABLES.

AN EXPLANATION PUBLISHED.

TURKS ARE CALMER NOW.

LONDON, February 2nd.

An explanation of the mystery of the French note to Angora is given by the Manchester Guardian, which says M. Poincare sent two telegrams to Angora, the first of which urged the Turks to accept the treaty, which was far better than it could possibly have been but for the efforts of France. Angora replied indignantly accusing France of working with Britain against Turkey. M. Poincare, thinking from the tone of the message that Turkey would reject the treaty, sent a second telegram saying the treaty must not be regarded as an ultimatum, and that the French delegation would anyhow remain at Lausanne, and using other phrases to which serious objection has been taken in England.

Lord Curzon was not shown the telegrams, but was informed of them. As a result of this second telegram, Angora asked for time for consideration instead of rejecting the treaty, as she would otherwise have done.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 2nd.

The news of the improved atmosphere at Lausanne has been greeted with relief by the Turks, the great bulk of whom do not wish for further fighting. The moderate elements at Angora, constituting the majority of the Assembly, are beginning to assert themselves in favour of peace. The calm confidence of the British authorities has impressed the Turks with the strength of the British position.

LATEST CABLES.

LITHUANIAN DISPUTE.

CONTESTANTS RECEIVE A STERN
WARNING.

PARIS, February 3rd.

The talk of the Lithuanian delegates of recourse to arms evoked stern warnings as to possible intervention by the League of Nations from Mr. Balfour and Signor Viviani (Italian Delegate) at a public sitting of the Council of the League, which approved of the provisional demarcation line for neutral zones between Poland and Lithuania, as recommended by the League's investigator. Orders have been issued to Poland and Lithuania to disarm and dissolve the bands of irregulars who are infesting the district.

LITHUANIANS STILL TALK OF A
RECOURSE TO ARMS.The Polish delegate accepted the League's orders, but the Lithuanian delegate declined, declaring that Lithuania insisted on a return to the Sukalki line, as accepted by both countries before the Zeligowski coup d'etat. He added that Lithuania would resist to the utmost the occupation of territory now allotted to Poland.

Kovno, February 2nd.

The Lithuanian Government has refused to comply with the ultimatum of the Ambassadors' Conference, mentioned in a cable message dated January 31st.

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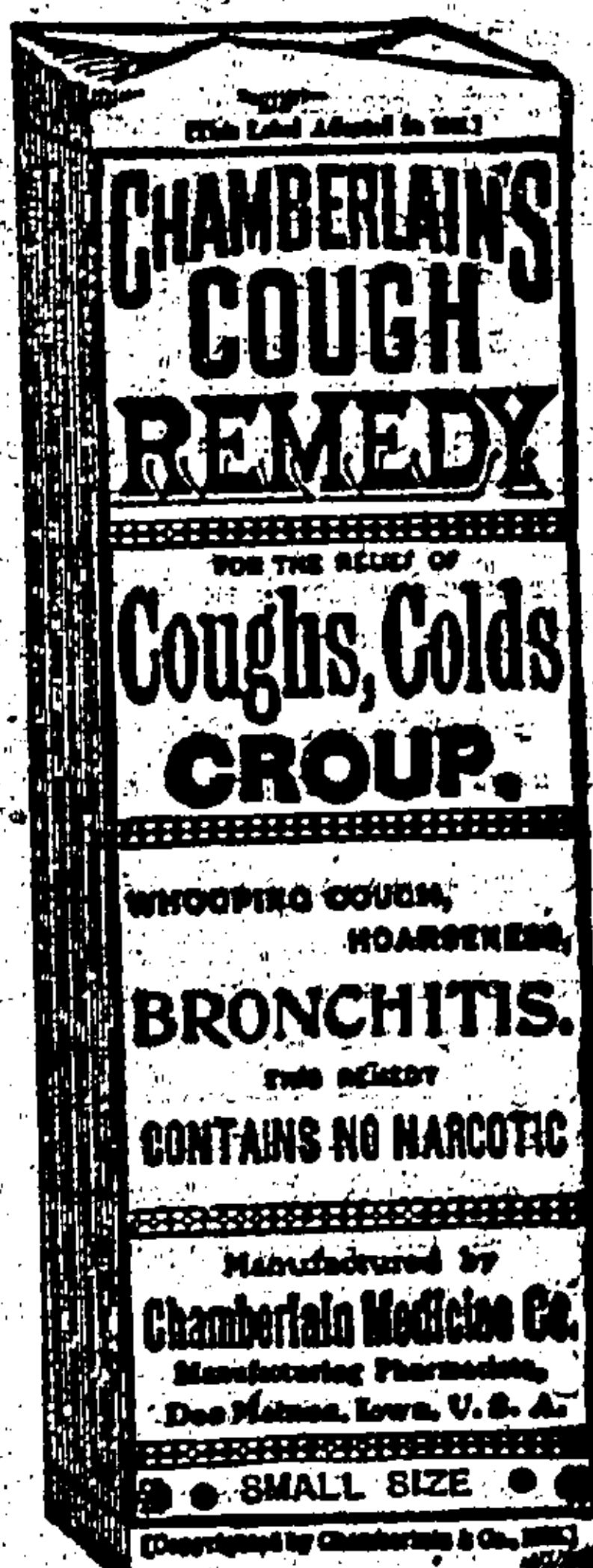
The fortnightly Price Current and
Market Report, published by the
Hongkong General Chamber of Com-
merce, states:—Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton
goods.—Very little business has been done
during the interval, and prospects are
very uncertain owing to the chaotic state
of affairs in Canton. The Manchester
market keeps steady. Local values are
unchanged. Clearances are very poor.Cotton Yarn.—There is no change in
the situation of our market. Dealers are
only buying for the Yunnan district in
small quantities and for their immediate
requirements, there being no demand from
other consuming districts. Quotations
are:—No. 10s. \$170/107. No. 12s.
\$175/106. No. 16s. \$190/210. No. 20s.
\$178/207. Arrivals nil. Shipments nil.
Sales 1,500 bales. Unsold stock 9,800
bales. Bargains 8,000 bales.Woolens.—The continuance of the
trouble in Canton and the approach of
the Chinese New Year has had a quietening
effect on the market. A little business
is being done.Raw Cotton.—Stocks are nil. Nominal
quotations are as follow:—Indian
descriptions at \$34/38. Chinese staple at
\$38/42.Metals.—Business has been quiet with
very little enquiry. The disturbances in
Canton have put a stop to clearances.
Continental makers are diffident in
making quotations, and it looks as if
supplies will be difficult to obtain for some
time. Small sales of steel plates 3/16
inch, and up are reported at \$5.00 per
picul.Flour.—Stock: About 300,000 sacks.
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sack; American Straight, \$3.15 per sack;
American Cut off, \$3.15 per sack; Shanghai
Flour, \$3.25 per sack; Australian No. 1,
3.25 per sack.Window glass.—Market steady.
Sugar.—Market dull.
Saltpetre.—Dull without much doing.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de
Navigation d'Extrême Orient in their
report dated Saigon, January 15th,
state:—The demand from home for broken rice
has continued very eager, and at times
prices were the same for No. 1 round 25
per cent. No. 2 40 per cent; and broken
1/2 mixed. This situation is exceptional
and sellers are not inclined to quote for
quantities of rice containing a high
percentage of broken.The supplies of paddy coming to the
mills continue to be very short and,
according to the news coming from the
interior, the crop has been somewhat
damaged by the rains in the western
provinces.The total amount of rice exported from
January 1st to December 31st, 1922, was
1,980,374 tons against 1,518,983 in 1921.We quote to-day:—White Saigon rice,
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mind to marry an actress, comes to ask
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ours to dissuade him from his purpose
the youth accuses him of having forgotten
what it is to be young and eagerly in
love. Thereupon the Bishop learns back
in his armchair by the fire and tells the
story of his own love, over forty years
before, for the famous opera singer
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this old and tender romance the young
man insists that he is more than ever de-
termined to marry the girl of his choice
and the Bishop, awakened to sympathy
by his pathetic recollection, finally con-
sents and gives the youth his blessing. It
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going over the spiritual topnote:"There's a lot of smart college profes-
sors and tea-guzzling sobs in this burg
that say I'm a roughneck and a never-
wuzter, and my knowledge of history is
not yet. Oh, there's a gang of woolly-
whiskered book-lice that think they know
more than Almighty God, and prefer a
lot of Hun science and smutty German
criticism to the straight and simple Word
of God. Oh, there's a swell bunch of
Lizzie boys and lemon-suckers, and pie-
faces, and infidels, and beer-bloated
scribbles that love to fire off their filthy
mouths and yip that Mike Monday is
vulgar and full of mush. Those pups
are saying now that I hog the gospel-
show, that I'm in it for the coin. Well,
now listen, folks! I'm going to give
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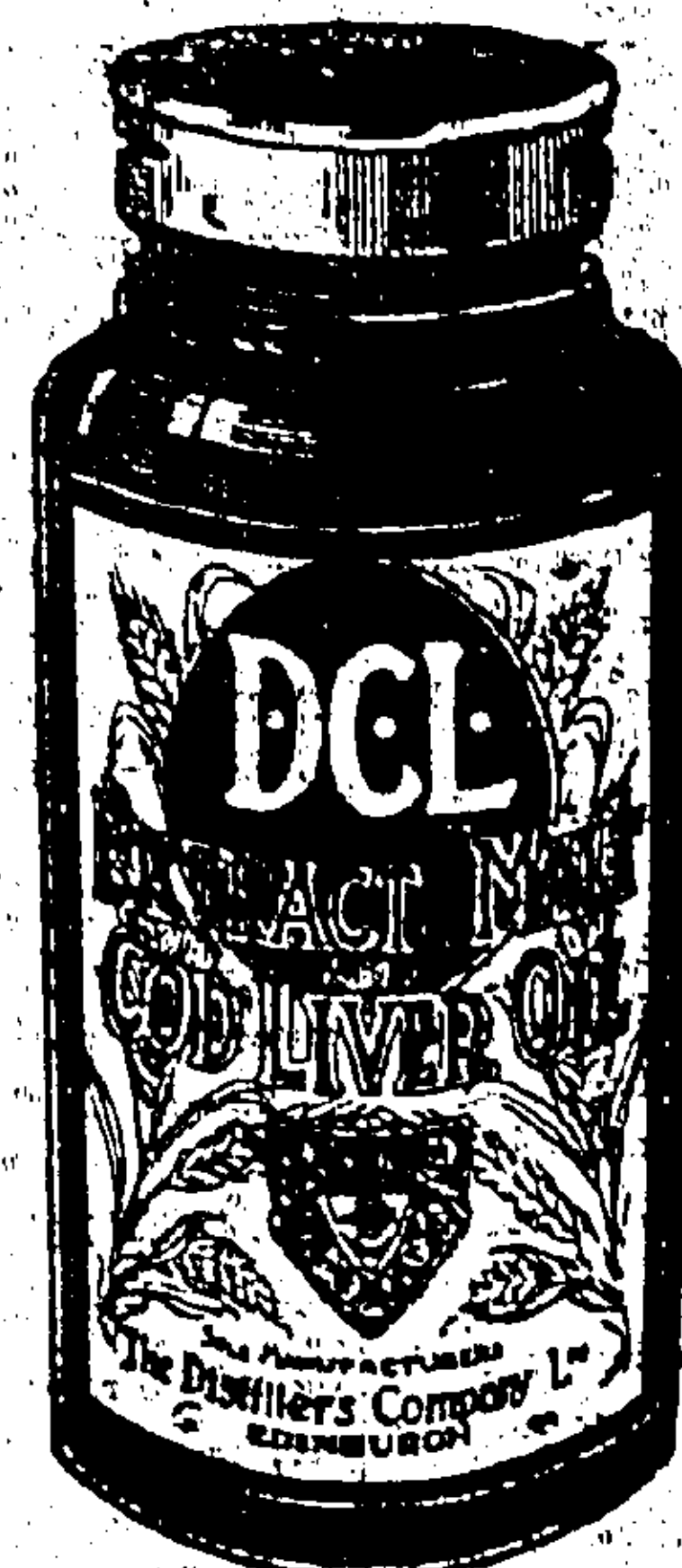
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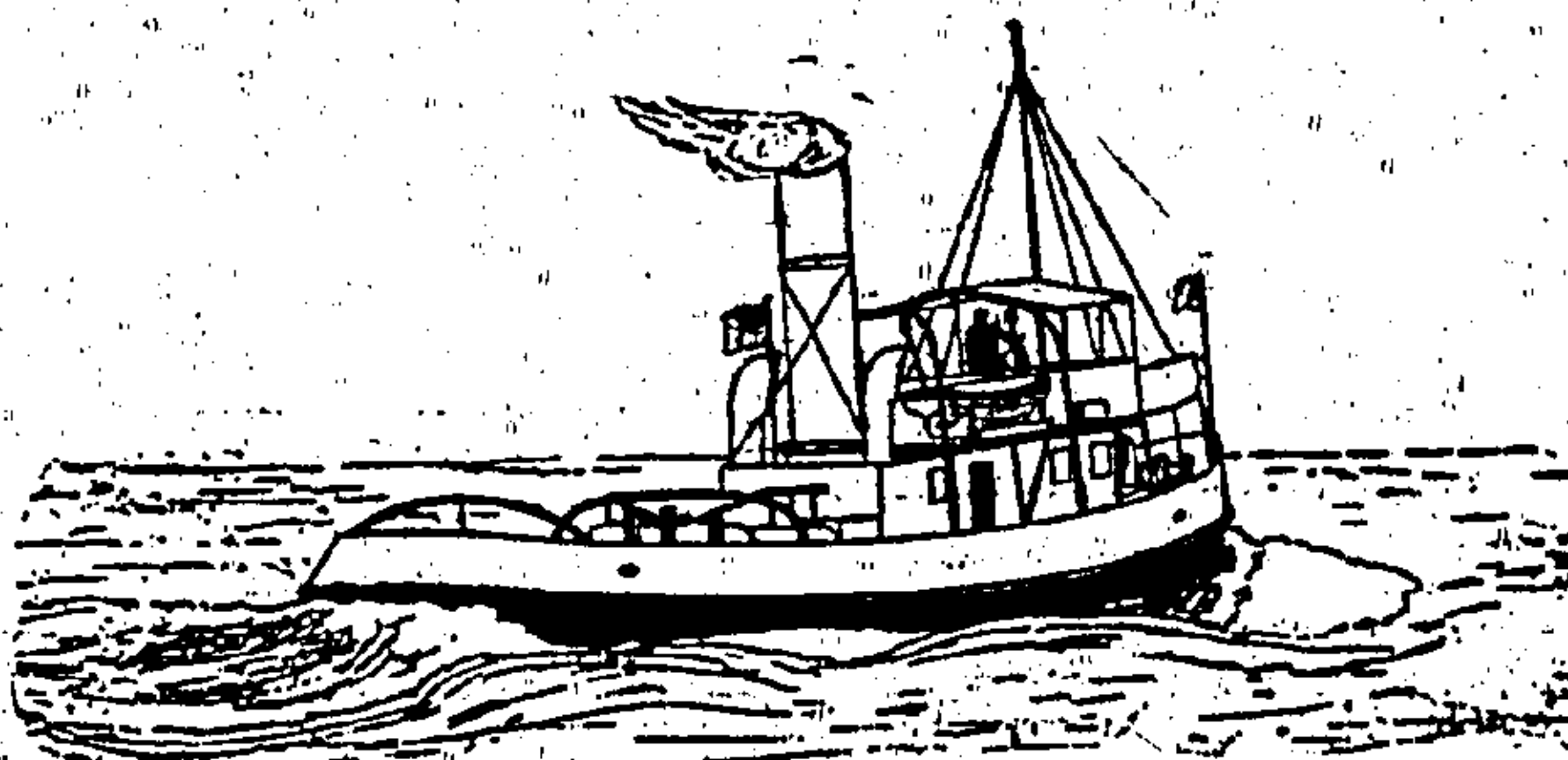
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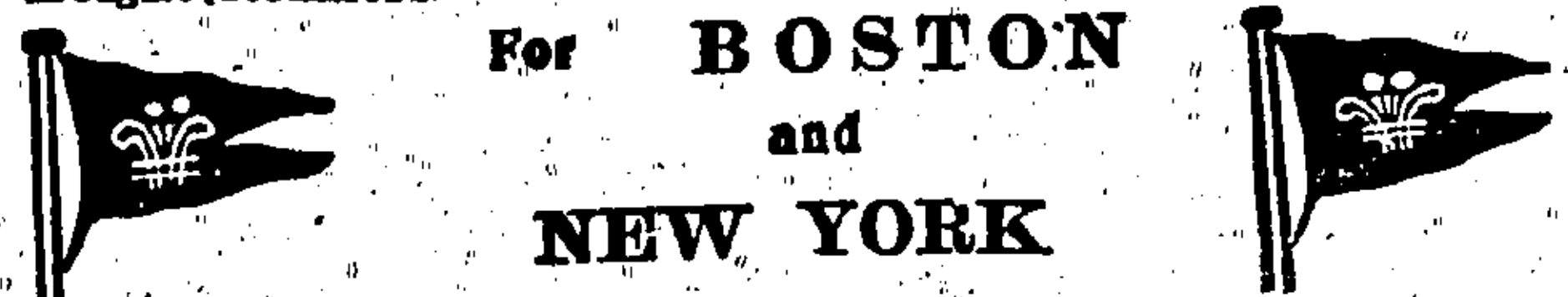
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